

*Administration of Barack H. Obama, 2010*

**Statement on the Settlement of the *Pigford* Class-Action Lawsuit on Discrimination  
by the Department of Agriculture**

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My administration is dedicated to ensuring that Federal agencies treat all our citizens fairly, and the settlement in the *Pigford* case reflects that commitment. I applaud Secretary Vilsack for his efforts to modernize operations at the USDA, as well as the work of the Justice Department in bringing these long-ignored claims of African American farmers to a rightful conclusion. I look forward to a swift resolution to this issue, so that the families affected can move on with their lives.

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